International Symposium on Male Contraception

2588. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International symposium on male contraception was organised at New Delhi in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some suggestions on actual practice of birth control were given at the symposium;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take some steps to ensure implementation of these suggestions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (d) An international Symposium on 'Male Contraception; Present & Future' was held at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, from 27th to 29th November, 95. The symposium was organised to highlight and evaluate national and global efforts towards the development of a safe, reversible, effective and acceptable male contraceptive. The Symposium discussed many issues relating to male contraception. These include pre-clinical and clinical trials towards the development of safe, reversible and effective harmonally based male contraceptive; safety and reversibility of vasectomy, current status of development and clinical testing of male intravasal contraceptives, vasoclusive methods for blocking was deference; current status of the development and clinical testing of immunocontraceptive for male fertility regulation and acceptability of male methods of fertility regulation etc.

(e) and (f) This symposium was in the nature of a scientific meeting on the above mentioned subjects, and no specific action for implementation, by the Government of India, is called for at present.

Drinking water in Mahbubnagar, Andhra Pradesh

2589. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are examining proposals from Andhra Pradesh for safe drinking water supply in 450 habitations in Mahbubnagar district, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether technical scrutiny has been made of these proposals;

(c) what are the findings of the Drinking Water Mission on these proposals;

(d) whether clearance has been given for these proposals; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (e) The project proposal prepared by the Government of Andhra Pradesh was discussed with their officials on 20th November, 1995. Since the project proposals do not indicate the details regarding fluorosis issues and the per capita cost of the scheme was high, they were requested to furnish all the required details alongwith various viable alternatives of techno-economic options. They were also requested to prepare projects on similar lines of the pilot projects to be implemented in the State of Andhra Pradesh.